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SUBJECT: RIOTING IN MAZE AND BELFAST

1. RIOTING TRIGGERED BY ASSAULT ON GUARDS BEGAN IN LONG KESH COMPOUND CONVICTED PROVISIONAL IRA PRISONERS LATE AFTERNOON OCT. 15. BY 8 P.M. RIOTING WIDESPREAD WITHIN CAMP AND SECTIONS PRISON ABLAZE. AT MIDNIGHT ALMOST ALL CAMP BURNING AT LEAST PARTIALLY AND HOSPITAL AND NEW KITCHEN DESTROYED. ARMY ENTERED IN FORCE TO QUELL RIOTING.

2. SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS IN CATHOLIC AREAS BELFAST Erupted SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT. THERE CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE PRIMARILY AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS DESTROYED BY FIRE. FOR FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY TROOPS FIRED RUBBER BULLETS AT RIOTERS.

3. AUTHORITIES CLAMPED DOWN ON RELEASE INFORMATION MORNING OCT. 16. NO NEWSMEN OR OTHER VISITORS BEING PERMITTED NEAR PRISON FACILITY AND M1 HIGHWAY FROM WHICH MAZE CAN BE SEEN HAS BEEN CLOSED. CONGEN HAS INITIATED INQUIRIES ABOUT WELFARE GERALD BRADY BUT NO RPT NO INFORMATION EXPECTED UNCLASSIFIED

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